

## In Memoriam.

It is with regret that we announce the death, at a few minutes past 1 o'clock last Saturday morning, of Henry C., youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hayselden, aged 14 months and 13 days. The funeral services, which were conducted by the Rev. Alex. Mackintosh, of St. Andrew's, at the family residence of His Excellency Walter M. Gibson, grandfather of the deceased, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, were largely attended by the friends of the bereaved parents, who will have the sympathy of all in their great affliction.

Outstretched upon a bed of flowers,  
Their darling lay, but life had fled.  
The little soul now fondly cherished  
By his kind heart who craves for children's love,  
Hath left its tenement of clay,  
And revels in far brighter spheres,  
Where sorrows cannot come, nor tears.

Oh, mourn not with desponding mien,  
For him whom God hath called away,  
Nor think to thwart e'en for a time,  
That mighty fiat, "Dust thou art, Oh! man."  
"To dust thou shalt return." Despite  
Thy balms and all-preserving care  
Thou canst not save one golden hair.

The Will that wreaths thee of thy child  
Requires that all to it submit.  
So dark just now, and passing cold,  
The day will dawn which shall be bright and clear;  
When thou wilt feel the warmth of love,  
And recognize the Father's Hand  
In what now seems a stern demand.

## Shooting for Turkeys.

Quite a number of gentlemen who are more or less expert in the use of the rifle met on the Casino grounds last Saturday afternoon to shoot at a mark for turkeys. Mr. Brown, who has charge of Col. Judd's ranch, had a number of turkeys which he awarded to each marksman who made a "bull's eye," or, in other words, hit the body of a life-size figure of a turkey painted on a screen placed at a distance of 200 yards from the shooting stand.

Any kind of rifle was allowed, and the firing was quite brisk for three or four hours. It was estimated that the amount received at fifty cents per shot was an average of \$5 each for the 25 turkeys. The successful shooters were F. Higgins, 8 birds (winning the last three by consecutive shots); C. B. Wilson 4 birds, J. H. Fisher and N. A. Boyle three each, J. D. Arnold and W. Unger two each, and one each to A. G. Ellis, J. Lucas and a Chinese rifleman whose name is unknown. This last party fired about 45 times before he achieved a turkey. One of the birds was shot for 27 times before being won. There was a good deal of fun in the day's sport, and some marvellous escapes made by a string of cattle that wandered across the line of fire at intervals.

## Drowned at Sea.

John Raphael, a seaman on board the schooner Malolo, and a native of the Island of San Antonio, Cape Verde Islands, fell overboard at 6:30 a.m. on the 19th instant, in the channel between Molokai and Oahu, when only forty miles from Honolulu. The sea was very high, and the vessel rolled heavily, when the chief officer called out "John's overboard." Raphael was standing amidship, near the main rigging, when he fell overboard. A life-buoy and a long piece of lumber were thrown to him, but he could not get to the lumber, and was unable to swim towards the life-buoy, for even the stoutest swimmer could not live more than a few seconds in those angry waters. John Raphael was only a few minutes in the water before he disappeared. The vessel cruised over the spot for four hours, but could not find him. No boat was lowered, as the sea was tremendous. John Raphael was said to be a good scholar, and was a master of the art of "Tachygraphy," or rapid writing.

## Christmas Memorial Services.

We publish in full Rev. M. Oggel's sermon delivered on Sunday morning in the Bethel Union Church to a large audience. Dr. Damon conducted the preliminary exercises. In the evening a very interesting Cantata was given by the members of the Sabbath School. The singing was very good.

At Fort Street Church the choral service was finely rendered, and an impressive discourse by Pastor Cruzan was listened to by a full congregation.

## The Corrector Corrected.

The *Hawaiian* of Saturday last made a good deal of fun of the "Snide-Guide" (with very good reason) but, in its own issue it says that the steamer James Makee would not sail until Monday, and in a paragraph immediately below this states that she left that (Saturday) afternoon. Which shows that there is enough "glass" in the house of the *Hawaiian* to make it dangerous for them to hurl stones across the way.

## Honesty Rewarded.

The driver of hack No. 13, United Carriage Co., was paid, by mistake, the other evening a \$5 gold piece instead of a quarter. The gentleman who paid him did not know where the gold piece had gone; all he knew about it was that it was lost. But the driver, like an honest man, returned the sovereign to its owner, and was suitably rewarded.

## A Deadly Superstition.

The superstition, that has long prevailed amongst the native Hawaiians, that certain persons possessed the power of "praying" others to death is still very strong and the latest story—a true one—in this connection runs as follows:

A certain stout, hearty native, who for years has worked steadily at his business (he is mate of one of our coasters) without a day's interruption on account of sickness, went up to his house, here in town, upon returning from a trip to windward. He reached his house in the night and found his place by his wife's side occupied by another man. The two were sound asleep, and so the wronged husband went to the Station House, made his complaint, returned to his house with a policeman and had the guilty pair arrested. In the morning the two were fined for their misconduct, the husband paying that imposed upon his wife, while the man concerned in the affair having no money had to go jail.

When the husband and wife left the courtroom, the man left behind to work out his fine said to the husband: "You have caused me to be put in jail! All right! I will pray you to death."

The mate went off to his vessel, and while on the voyage told the captain that he was feeling quite bad—sick—that he knew what was the matter with him, and he was afraid he would die. When he reached Papaiki on Hawaii the mate told the captain he would have to go up the country and consult a *kahuna* or priest, in order to have him neutralize the effect of the prayers being muttered for his destruction. The captain tried to laugh him out of his fears, but the mate was not to be convinced. He saw the *kahuna*, who however did him no good, as he complained of feeling worse on the trip back to Honolulu. He seemed to be losing his strength and energy, and when his vessel started on the next trip he said he was "too sick" to go in her, and that he must go up to Molokai to consult a *kahuna* of great power who, he hoped would do him good. The probabilities are that when his captain returns the next week the mate will be dead. "Prayed to death"—ceasing to live from the effect of sheer superstition.

## A Bit of History.

[COMMUNICATED.]

About a year ago the Government bargained with Claus Spreckels to give him one million dollars' worth of bonds for one million dollars new coined Kalakaua silver dollars. Half a million, according to bargain, was delivered, and with the half-million of silver received the Portuguese immigration (about ten thousand people) was paid for; and the other half-million to be received was to pay for new water-works and other valuable and essential public improvements.

But certain lawyers and politicians—Hartwell, Dole, Castle, Smith, et al omne, &c.—commenced proceedings in Court to forbid the sale of bonds for silver, and the Judges, concurring with the lawyers, restrained the sale of more bonds. So Mr. Spreckels took certificates for the other half-million of Kalakaua dollars for which he was denied the bonds.

By and by the same lawyers and politicians started, and pushed forward, a gold law which gives to silver certificates the value of gold, and now Mr. Spreckels, or the holders of the half-million certificates for silver with which it was forbidden to buy bonds, can command the gold, and thus silver is to be exchanged for gold at par for the benefit of private, and to the detriment of public, interests through the action of men who represent His Majesty's loyal Opposition.

This Opposition would not allow Mr. Spreckels to get gold bonds payable in twenty-five years for his silver, but right away give him for it certificates payable in gold on demand.

## Christmas Praise Service.

Last Sunday evening the Fort Street Choir, largely augmented for the occasion, gave a Christmas Praise Service. The following was the

## ORDER OF SERVICES:

1. Organ Processional.....Mrs. A. F. Judd
2. Doxology.....Choir and Congregation
3. Invocation.....Rev. W. C. Merritt
4. Gloria Patri (Buck).....Fort St. Choir
5. Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-7.....Rev. A. O. Forbes
6. Anthem—"Sing, O Heavens" (Tours).....Fort St. Choir
7. New Testament Lesson—Luke 2:8-20.....J. A. Cruzan
8. Hymn—"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (Mendelssohn).....Choir and Congregation
9. Prayer.....Rev. W. C. Merritt
10. Response—"Brightest and Best" (Rubenstein).....Fort St. Choir
11. Hymn—"While Shepherds Watched" (Handel).....Choir and Congregation
12. Christmas Address.....J. A. Cruzan
13. "O sing to God." (Gounod).....Ladies' double-quartet
14. Hymn—"Joy to the World" (Mason).....Choir and Congregation
15. Benediction.....Rev. A. O. Forbes
16. Organ Recessional.....Mrs. A. F. Judd

## An Old Building Gone—An Older One Renovated.

The old wooden building in the rear of the one known as "Honolulu Hale" has been torn down and the material carted away. This building was put up in 1861 by Hon. H. M. Whitney as a "cotton house." In it he had twelve or fifteen Sea-Island cotton gins at work preparing cotton grown on the four principal islands for the English market.

The best of this cotton, having a staple five inches long, and being wonderfully silky and fine, was grown in Kaupo, Maui, and Kona, Hawaii. Mr. Whitney kept his gins going with native labor for about five years, realizing at one time (1864) as high as \$2 per lb. for the best of the cotton. The price gradually fell to 15 cents per lb., at which it was not profitable to grow it here and pay the high freights (4 cents per lb.). In addition to this the natives who grew the cotton could not be induced to replant each year, but cut back the old plants and gathered the cotton from the rattoons. The quality therefore degenerated and the business was given up.

"Honolulu Hale," the front building, was built in 1840, and occupied by Government officials. The "Custom House," then in charge of Capt. Wm. Paty, occupying part of the first floor, with Dr. G. P. Judd in the other part in charge of the Finance Office. Upstairs Mr. R. C. Wylie, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, occupied the room now used by the Telephone Co., and John Young, as Premier, the other rooms. After the Government vacated the premises Mr. H. M. Whitney moved in and remained there from 1866 to 1878, starting the first post-office. Later he was succeeded in the stationery business by Messrs. Whitney & Robinson, and that firm by J. W. Robinson.

Now that the cotton house is removed from the rear the lower floor of Honolulu Hale is being partitioned off into offices, one of which will be occupied by Mr. W. N. Castle, he moving his law office in order that the small building adjoining the Post-office may be taken away to make room for another delivery window, and one for the business of the Postal Savings Bank.

The Postmaster-General says that he hopes to have these windows ready very shortly, and that to still further facilitate the work of his Bureau, the staircase inside the building will be placed outside, in the rear, and the space thus gained utilized as a vault for the safer keeping of stamps and other representatives of value.

## A Golden Wedding Day.

On Wednesday last Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Oat, Sr., celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding day. During the day the venerable couple were absent from their home, on Punchbowl street, and while they were gone the dwelling was beautifully decorated with wreaths and flowers. The parlor, especially, was made a bower of green, studded with golden stars, and in one corner was placed a table, on which were laid a number of beautiful gifts, amongst which may be mentioned a case containing a set of silver tea-spoons lined with gold, a large and elegant vase filled with flowers, a handsome gold thimble, a finely chased and engraved pair of silver napkin rings, a silver card-receiver, and a beautiful copy of "The Guest Book." The Captain and his wife occupied a couple of arm-chairs placed beneath a green, floral marriage bell, and to a late hour were kept busy in receiving the congratulations of their many friends. A large space on the grass plot in front of the house was enclosed in canvass, and Fire Marshal McGuire had lit this interior, as well as the rest of the grounds, the veranda of the house, and the gateway and walks with lines and arches of colored lanterns. The guests overflowed from the house to the lanai, and listened to the music of the Royal Hawaiian Band, which Governor Dominis had sent around to serenade the host and hostess. A very handsome "bride's cake" and other nice things were enjoyed by the guests, and at a late hour "Good-night" was said, and the hope was expressed that Captain and Mrs. Oat might enjoy many more happy returns of the day.

## Extract from the Advance Sheets of a "Gazette" Editorial (perhaps).

"It has been acknowledged on all hands that what we need here to keep the country from going to ruin is abundant and frequent showers of rain. The present Ministry have known this to be of vital importance to the country, and still, with a dogged disregard for the welfare of the country, they have studiously refrained from doing anything in the matter. It has remained, as usual, for the *GAZETTE* to have forced them into action. Some little time ago we were the first to protest against their inaction, their worse than criminal disregard for the welfare, the crying wants of the country as regards rain; and at last they, writhing under the lash of our stern rebuke, and secretly gnashing their teeth at the knowledge of the ponderous power wielded by the *GAZETTE*, they, we repeat, grudgingly dribbled out the fog end of a brief *kona* last Friday, and gave us some rain. This well; more anon on this subject as soon as we get time to investigate certain meteorological documents that they think (hal ha!) are safely pigeon-holed in the Foreign Office."

## Hawaiian Trade.

The approaching session of Congress will probably witness the renewal of the struggle to terminate the Hawaiian treaty. This being the case it is as well perhaps that we should advert at this early stage to the importance of the Hawaiian trade to the United States. Its growth is simply phenomenal, and illustrates what may be anticipated, with almost an absolute certainty of realization, from the proposed treaty of commercial reciprocity with Mexico. The Hawaiian Islands contain a mere handful of people, yet they are the best customers of the Pacific Coast, if statistics of export are any criterion. During the first six months of 1884, the Hawaiian Islands ranked second on the list of countries to which merchandise and domestic products were exported from California. The United Kingdom stood first as a matter of course, being the great consumer of California wheat, but Hawaii, with less than 80,000 people, ranked above all other countries. This will appear from the following exhibit of exports compiled at San Francisco, and commented on by the San Francisco *Merchant*, which represents Hawaiian interests in California:

EXPORTS TO—FIRST HALF OF 1884.	
United Kingdom.....	\$7,866,934
Hawaiian Islands.....	1,400,095
New York.....	1,262,533
Hongkong and China.....	1,073,118
British Columbia.....	981,855
Mexico.....	851,562
Belgium.....	\$42,202
Australasia.....	\$45,018
France.....	398,500
Tahiti.....	202,636

These are the principal items, and they show the value of the Hawaiian trade to California and to the entire country. These figures are only a partial exhibit, however, and simply refer to the port of San Francisco. There are heavy lumber shipments from Puget Sound which do not appear in these figures, nor are shipments from Atlantic ports included. It will be seen that the China export trade is much less valuable to San Francisco than that to Hawaii. Mexico ranks below British Columbia in the half year under review, but the contrast is greater when the Hawaiian Islands are compared with Central and South America. The aggregate value of all exports from San Francisco during the first six months of 1884 to Central and South America, including Panama, was \$753,797, whereas Hawaii is credited with \$1,400,095. Indeed, including Mexico, the little Kanaka Kingdom of the North Pacific comes within \$204,272 of the entire exports to all American countries, except the Dominion of Canada. This is a suggestive fact, and indicates that the commercial idea will best be carried out by maintaining existing trading relations with the United States. If any change be made it should be towards expansion.—*Bradstreets*, Oct. 25.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Planter brought from Nihaun four prisoners destined for the reef.

Mrs. Wallace's Academic School for Girls closed last Friday for the holidays. The new term will commence on Jan. 5th, 1885.

The steamers Kinau and W. G. Hall will try their speed on their way up to windward this evening.

The contemplated ocean race between the *Pile Driver* and the *Steam Dredge* is unavoidably postponed.

The O. P. M. B., corner of Fort and Merchant streets, will keep open during the Holiday season until 9 p. m., Saturday evenings until 10 o'clock.

Late Colonial papers contain very complimentary notices of the violin performance of Mr. Edouard Remenyi, who proves himself a master of the instrument.

Capt. Davis, late of the C. R. Bishop, has been appointed Captain of the schooner Malolo, succeeding Captain Goodwin, who takes charge of the *bgtn*. Hazard.

Messrs. A. W. Richardson & Co., corner of Fort and Merchant streets, will keep their store open for the Holiday season until 9 p. m., Saturday evenings until 10 o'clock.

The last auction sale before Christmas of G. W. Macfarlane & Co.'s fine goods takes place to-morrow night at the sales rooms of Lyons & Levy. Remember, this is the last chance. See ad.

The rite of confirmation was administered last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock to six candidates at St. Andrew's Cathedral, by His Lordship the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Alex. Mackintosh. The candidates were all members of St. Andrew's choir.

The Superintendent of Census has requested us to say that in the blanks left at each house, members of religious denominations other than Protestants and Roman Catholics can mark out one of those headings and write in the designation of their own form of belief.

The repairing of the steamer Kilaua Hou, now lying near the Fish Market, will be completed after New Years Day. A new house has been built on her quarter deck (above the old cabin) for the accommodation of the Captain and officers. She will have no accommodation for saloon passengers. D. O. Killman, late of the steamer Planter, has been appointed Chief Officer.

The programme of the concert to be given to Mr. Chas. Hasselman is quite an attractive one, and it is to be hoped that its performance will prove a success.

Last Sunday evening a fire was reported in the vicinity of Pauoa Valley, but fortunately it was controlled before any great damage was done. No alarm was sounded.

Captain Brown, the Agent of the Board of Health, gives warning that anybody placing dead animals where they will be a nuisance will be prosecuted, and what the Captain says he means.

By the S. S. Planter news is received that a half-caste by the name of William Lovell had his right hand and wrist blown off by the explosion of a giant powder cartridge at Nawiliwili, Kauai, last Friday.

The Daily *PACIFIC COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER* will appear on Christmas morning (Thursday next) as usual, but in order that our staff may have a holiday on that day there will be no issue of the paper on Friday next.

His Majesty the King has made the following appointments: Major Edward W. Purvis and Philip Oftergelt, Esq., to be Colonels on His Majesty's staff, and John D. Holt, Esq., to be Major on the staff of the Governor of Oahu.

Yesterday's *Hawaiian* corrects the *ADVERTISER*'s correction by stating that it was the shaft of the "main" roller of Honokaa Mill was broken. The *Hawaiian* is again corrected—it was the shaft of the "back" roller.

The "thrasher" spoken of by a contemporary as having been received from Honokaa Mill for repairs is, in reality, the drum to the trash carrier, which broke last week in its bearings. A new one will have to be cast.

A tree was blown down on Friday afternoon last on the premises, No. 124 Queen street. Its branches fell on one corner of the house at the rear, injuring the roof and breaking in the sash of the window, rendering the apartment untenable.

The Road Supervisor has succeeded in throwing the water off the center of the Merchant and Alakea crossing into Merchant street, by filling in the road bed. Now the job must be finished by re-constructing the side walks and opening up a gutter for the water. Rather an awkward job, on account of the light grade.

Cries of "murder" and loud screaming attracted the attention of persons passing Engine Co. No. 1's house yesterday afternoon. Investigation showed that there was a private fight going on in a house near at hand, which was wound up without police interference, and at the trifling cost of a little broken glass.

Last Sunday the City of Sydney, H. C. Dearborn Commander, arrived at this port at 7:30 p. m., 17 days 3 hours from Sydney, N. S. W., and left again for San Francisco at 9:30 p. m. The purser reports pleasant weather and smooth sea the entire passage, except the last 36 hours, when they met a heavy N. W. swell and fresh breeze.

On Saturday last His Majesty the King entertained at lunch His Excellency the Governor of Oahu and Maui, Hon. A. S. Cleg-horn, Capt. A. N. Tripp, Mr. Mark P. Robinson, Mr. P. Oftergelt and Col. C. H. Judd. On this occasion His Majesty presented to Capt. Tripp the decoration of Knight Commander of the Royal Order of the Crown of Hawaii, and to Mr. Robinson and Mr. Oftergelt the decorations of Knights Companion of the Royal Order of Kalakaua.

While the steamer C. R. Bishop was coming from Kauai she encountered a heavy squall and lost her jib and foresail. She did not touch at Waianae, but came by way of Koolau, anchoring in Kahana Bay until 4 a.m. Saturday morning, when she left for this port. She reports that the schooner Kapiolani that left here with lumber for Waialua, was at anchor in Kahana Bay. The Kapiolani had lost one anchor and chain, had a boat carried away, and her sails torn.

The storm last week did considerable damage to the trees in and about town, and carried away the flagstaff at the telephone station on Diamond Head. It also beat in one end of Charley, the keeper's house, and his family had hard work to shelter themselves from the rain. Charley has been a very faithful man at his post, working the semaphore for some years, and now signalling approaching vessels to the central office. He will probably have new quarters before long as the last Legislature appropriated \$1200 for a house at his station.

The Christmas holidays of the Royal School commenced last Friday. During the present week the classes in the Principal's room have had an examination paper on various subjects each day, and the results were creditable to both teacher and pupils. The subjects were natural science, mathematics, theology, English grammar, composition, reading and recitations. Most of the pupils in each branch passed 75 per cent. The prize will be awarded to the fortunate recipients of both first and second classes when the new term begins. The examinations were held privately. This institution has nearly 400 pupils, mostly Hawaiians.